

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE PASSAGE
OF PROPOSITION 26, "THE MAJORITY RULE ACT FOR SMALLER CLASSES,
SAFER SCHOOLS AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY"

WHEREAS, more than two million California students attend class in temporary facilities, and the state must build six new classrooms every day if it is going to accommodate the quickly growing student population; and

WHEREAS, without significant new construction and modernization, existing schools will not be ready to handle the estimated 300,000 additional students over the next seven years; and

WHEREAS, at a time when California families want safer schools, more class size reduction, and better access to 21st century learning tools like computers and the Internet, we need to ensure that local school districts have the funds to create classroom environments that help students learn; and

WHEREAS, last year voters passed Proposition 1A, a \$9.2 billion statewide bond to provide state matching funds for local school facilities construction and improvements; and

WHEREAS, school districts can only receive Proposition 1A state bond funds if they can generate matching funds through local bonds; and

WHEREAS, local school bonds require a two-thirds vote to pass, forcing many districts to run numerous campaigns; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would amend the California Constitution and Education Code to allow passage of critically needed local school bonds with a simple majority of 50 percent plus one, rather than the current two-thirds vote required, while holding local school districts strictly accountable for prudent and responsible spending; and

WHEREAS, a local school bond in Lodi Unified School District recently received 61.9 percent, but failed passage due to the two-thirds vote requirement for local school bonds; and

WHEREAS, the local school bond in Lodi Unified School District would have passed with a simple majority of 50 percent plus one, but the two-thirds vote requirement prevented the will of the majority of voters from being heard, and denied our children the chance to enjoy a positive learning environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi supports the passage of Proposition 26, the "Majority Rule Act for Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability," and encourages California voters to approve this Proposition on March 7, 2000.

Dated: January 19, 2000

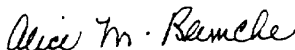
I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2000-10 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held January 19, 2000 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Land, Pennino and Mann (Mayor)

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Nakanishi

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk